

Governor's Award Presented to PART's McKinney

Brent McKinney, executive director of the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation, received the 2008 Governor's Public Transportation Award during the N.C. Public Transportation Association conference that was held June 2-4 in Wilmington.

The award, first given in 1988, is presented annually by the N.C. Department of Transportation's Public Transportation Division for outstanding service in public transportation. Division Director Miriam Perry, who presented the award, praised McKinney for working "tirelessly to convince decision makers that creation of a regional transit authority was the right thing to do" and convincing the leadership in area counties to join and provide financial support for new services.

A lifelong transportation professional, McKinney became the founding executive director of PART, the regional transportation authority currently serving 10 counties in the Triad, in 2001. As city traffic engineer for the city of Winston-Salem in the 1980s and Winston-Salem's first director of transportation in the 1990s, he was among the early advocates for the regional transportation system, now based in Greensboro.

McKinney received his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from N.C. State University and his master's in civil engineering from Purdue University. A registered professional engineer, he began his career with the NCDOT, where he worked as an urban traffic engineer, a transportation systems planner and design review engineer.

A past president of the Southern District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, McKinney is recipient of the organization's Marble J. Hensley Award for outstanding service to the transportation profession, Robert J. Dodge Professional Image Award in recognition of exemplifying the goals of and dedication to the transportation profession, and R.V. Moss Lifetime Service Award. He is currently serving on three international transportation committees.



Miriam Perry, director of NCDOT's Public Transportation Division, presented the 2008 Governor's Public Transportation Award to Brent McKinney of PART.

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